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## Organizing and Steering Committees Minutes

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**ORGANIZING/STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2001**  
**MINUTES**

Attendees: Shamsher Prakash, Chairman (USA)      Liam Finn, (Japan)  
Vlad Perlea, (USA)      Russell Harmon, (USA)  
Jost Struder, (Switzerland)      Vijay K. Puri, (USA)  
Wang Lanmin, (China)      J.C. Chern, (China)  
Xiangwu Zeng, (USA)      Geoff Martin, (USA)  
Bomi Ghadiali, (USA)      Cindy Cox, Secretary, (USA)

1. **Welcome:** Meeting was brought to order by Shamsher Prakash at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Report on Conference:**
  - a. CD-ROM I, Issued in January 2001. 286 papers, 600 + Authors, from 32 Countries
  - b. CD-ROM II will be issued in July 2001  
There were some reservations of publishing the papers on CD-ROM only without a hard copy. It was stated that many people enjoyed showing and displaying the book of papers received from the Conference. However, going paperless is more cost effective.
  - c. Registered Participants as of Monday, March 26:  
294 Participants from 29 countries as of Saturday, March 31:  
366 Participants from 33 countries.
  - d. Total Number of Papers: 313 from 33 Countries
3. **Program of the Conference:** (Comments from the Committee Members) Commended the conference for such a strong turn out given that the world conference was just held last year. It is a very good compliment to how our conference is conducted, given the co-sponsorship of the international groups. The progress of the conference has been very good. It was pointed out that there are only 2 conferences that concentrate on presenting State of the Art Papers. Our conference allows for many numbers of SOAP's.
4. **Use of E-mail for correspondence:** It was stated that e-mail call for papers, has replaced hard copy mailings. We did send approximately 12,000 paper copies within the U.S., but to all other countries it was sent by e-mail. The goal is to go to complete e-mail.
5. **Listing of the conference on the web [www.umn.edu/~conted/quake.html](http://www.umn.edu/~conted/quake.html):** Once the conference was listed, it was updated monthly until the last month prior to the conference. It was then updated weekly. The listing of the website was a useful tool in reducing the number of questions directed towards us.
6. **Next Conference:**

Should we have and when and where next conference?

There was agreement that we should continue having the conference as long as we maintain our standards. There will always be a need for this conference as long as younger people are interested and there will always be Earthquakes!

When: It was decided that we should not wait more than 4-5 years for the next conference. This time frame allows for progress in our field. Different months were discussed that may allow for more people to attend. The latter part of May was suggested (allowing for students to finish their finals); keeping it in March was also suggested.



It was decided that Fall would be a good time, will need to talk to Kenji Ishihara and others from Japan to get dates from them that would not conflict. Also, we need to try to get dates from the ASCE so we do not run close to their conference.

**Where:** New York was the number one suggestion, due to the number of consulting firms. It also would give participants a chance to see the East Coast. A draw back of NY is that it could be very expensive. Boston and Los Angeles were also suggested. A draw back of LA is that the transportation is horrible. It was suggested that we hold the conference out side the United States, i.e. Canada, or Italy. The main objective is to hold the conference where there will be a large number of consulting firms and also give people something new and different to experience.

7. **Paper Ratings:** Out of 286 papers that were received, 221 full-length papers were reviewed, average rating 6.8

8. **AOB:** The ASCE is interested in running the Case Histories Conference.

Dr. Prakash is discussing a 50-50 basis with them. A concern of involving the ASCE is losing our international participants. The ASCE is viewed as more a local group.

Updated count as of Saturday, March 31, 2001

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Country	No. of Participants		
Belgium	3	Korea	17
Brazil	1	Macedonia	1
Cameroon	1	Mexico	8
Canada	28	Norway	1
China	13	Portugal	4
Colombia	1	PR	1
Denmark	1	Romania	3
Dominican Republic	1	Saudi Arabia	2
Ecuador	1	Singapore	2
France	6	Slovenia	1
Germany	2	Sweden	2
Greece	7	Switzerland	1
India	1	The Netherlands	4
Italy	13	UK	10
Japan	65	United Arab Emirates	1
India	1	USA	162
		Venezuela	1
		Totals	
		33 Countries	366 Participants

Shamsher Prakash  
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